

Department of Public Works, Edmonton, Alberta

FAVOR PORK PACKING PLANT

(Special Correspondence The Frank Paper)

Edmonton, Feb. 24—That the establishment of a government pork packing plant in Alberta depends on the ability of the farmers to produce the requisite number of hogs and submit to certain provisions of contract, is the substance of the report of the pork commission which was laid on the table in the legislature last week. The commission went into the question most exhaustively and have a most voluminous report, the chief recommendations of which are as follows:

That when a sufficient number of hog growers give a reasonable assurance that they will supply at least 50,000 hogs per year to a plant, the commissioners recommend that the government furnish money to build, equip and operate a plant with capacity of at least 800 hogs per day at the start.

That the management take in farm ers' hogs, pay for them at the time of delivery up to two-thirds of estimated value, then at regular intervals agreed upon when sufficient time has elapsed to place on the market, pay the producer the balance of the full value of their product, less the cost of curing and marketing the same and a sum sufficient to pay the local working expenses also less one-fourth per cent per pound live weight, this one fourth cent per pound to be applied to the creation of a fund for the purpose of paying back to the government their original investment and the interest thereon. At the same time to allot shares to each patron equal to amount paid into this fund by assessment of one fourth cent per pound on his product.

When the government indebtedness is paid off by the fund the commissioners recommend the fund to be applied to paying reasonable interest on the amount of shares held by them and the balance to be paid as a bonus on each pound of pork supplied, shares transferable only to bona fide patrons, then only by application to and with the consent of the director.

That the sum total of all freight rates paid on the railroad be subdivided and charged fully against each pound of pork supplied and that there be regular weighing days.

That all patrons enter an agreement to give all hogs which they wish to dispose of for curing purposes to the packing plant of association of which they are members.

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Frank News in Brief

Alex Coyette, dealer in furniture and wall paper.

Lille again has a police officer stationed in the camp. Constable Cook of Frank was this week ordered there and Constable Lea comes to Frank in his stead.

A. Robertson, who with E. Morine has the contract for building the new brewery at Michel, was a visitor to Frank yesterday.

Inspector Belcher was up from Hinchey Creek Tuesday to look over the affairs of the police detachment of this district.

John Galvin, district vice president of the United Mine Workers, visited the locals of The Pass the first of the week. Mr. Galvin attended the international convention of the order held recently at Indianapolis and later took a vacation. He has just returned and is now assembling data for use of the miners committee at the Macleod convention. He states there is no likelihood of any shut down this year and in that connection made this emphatic statement: "I think it would be suicidal on the part of either side."

R. S. Patterson, formerly accountant for the Hillcrest company, was taken off the dyer one night last week by the police on telegraphic instructions that he was wanted at Macleod on a charge of obtaining money on worthless checks. It appears Patterson has been drinking heavily for a long time. While drunk, he imagined he represented the Hillcrest company and went about trying to sell coal. He induced several agents of the company to cash checks purporting to be checks of the company but which he had forged. He was taken to Macleod for trial.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of the Irrigation Act, the International Coal & Coke Company, Limited, have filed the memorial and plans required by Sections 12 and 13 of the said Act, with the Commissioner of Irrigation, at Calgary, Alta. The applicant Company applies for the right to divert Twelve (12) cubic feet of water per second from McCalliver Creek on the North-east quarter of Section Seven (7), Township Eight (8), Range Four (4), West of the Fifth Meridian, for industrial purposes and other purposes and for the right to construct the necessary works as shown by the memorial and plans filed to enable the water so diverted to be used for the said industrial and other purposes at Coleman, Alberta.

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Premier Balfour delivered the annual budget speech in the legislature Monday last. He showed that the total receipts of the province last year were \$2,983,500.73. The disbursements were \$2,223,830.96, showing a surplus of \$759,669.77. The estimates for the coming year contemplate receipts of \$2,483,065.68 and expenditures of \$2,471,231.04, leaving a surplus of about \$12,000.

Capt. Baeb of Blairmore is already receiving numerous inquiries from coast and Washington horsemen relative to racing next summer. The Pass Turf association has decided to hold its meeting on the 4th of July and Capt. Baeb states an excellent meeting is assured. It has not been decided yet whether it will be for more than one day. Racing will again be under the auspices of the Western Turf association.

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The first meeting of the coal operators' association and the United Mine Workers to formulate a new agreement will convene at Macleod next Tuesday.

The report of the minister of public works which was laid on the table at the legislature the first of the week, shows that during last year there was a total of 62 coal mine accidents in the province, eleven of which were fatal accidents.

The family of A. R. Swanson, local C.P.R. agent, arrived in Frank Thursday last.

J. S. Gusty, general manager for the P. Burns company with headquarters at Fernie, visited The Pass Tuesday.

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Professor Huston visited Fernie Saturday in connection with the sale of a piece of fruit land in the Kootenai where he owns a large tract.

From the report of the minister of public works it is noted that the output of coal in Alberta the past year was 2,046,308 tons, produced from 112 mines. The number of men employed in the mines was 3,500 and wages for the men thus employed ranged from \$75 to \$180 a month on the average.

Yesterday being Ash Wednesday, the Devil is supposed to go away back and sit down for forty days.

Ash Wednesday being a school holiday, the Frank school closed yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Carl Johnston of Hillcrest, arrived home Thursday last from a visit to her parents in Minnesota.

Charles Howard, for some years in charge of the grocery departments of local stores, left last week for the coast.

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